Stringent action against Bangladeshis

†385. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction to the news-item published in the Dainik Jagran under the caption Bhajpa "Bangladeshiyon ke Khilaf sakht karyavahi ke paksha mein"; and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Bangladeshis who have set up Jhuggis between Kishangarh and B-2 at Vasant Kunj, if so, the action taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) In the incident reported in the said news report, an unruly mob attacked, ransacked and set on fire the police post of Yamuna Pushta in the area of Kotwali Police Station and also damaged police vehicles on 24th June, 2000. 31 rioters were arrested from the spot and a case FIR was registered on the same day at Kotwali Police Station.

(b) It is the constant endeavour of the Government that such persons staying illegally in various parts of the city including the area of Vasant Kunj Police Station are identified and deported. 26 such illegal immigrants including three women were identified in the said area during June 2000 and handed over to Foreigners Regional Registration Office for initiating the Process of their deportation.

Demand for identity cards to check infiltration in NE

†386. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction towards the news-item published in the Dainik Jagran dated the 22nd June, 2000 under the title "Poorvottar Rajyon ne ghuspath rokene ke liye ek vyapak pahchan patra yojna ki mang ki";

(b) whether Government intend to implement such plan elsewhere as well; and

(c) if so, the places and in what manner it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) A feasibility study in respect of a proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens of the country and issuing the multipurpose identity

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

cards has been entrusted to a consultancy firm. Any action in this behalf shall be taken in receipt of the report of the feasibility study.

Repealing the Prisons Act, 1884

387. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prisons Act, 1884 has become redundant in view of the past experience after independence;

(b) whether there is a proposal before Government for repealing the century old Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what other measures Government propose to take to safeguard the interest of prisoners throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Prison is a State subject under list II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Prison Law, therefore, falls within the exclusive legislative competence of the State Governments. The Central Government has, however, circulated the Model Prisons Bill among the States/ Union territories for their views.

In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments to improve the condition of prisons and prisoners, the Central Government has been providing funds to the State Governments under the Scheme of the Modernisation of Prisons Administration.

Smuggling at Indo-Nepal Border

388. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-national activities like smuggling of arms, drugs and fake currency notes have increased on Indo-Nepal borders;

(b) if so, whether the States concerned have not been able to check them;

(c) if so, whether there is a proposal for a special force on the lines of ITBP to be created; and

(d) if so, whether the ex-military men would be given preference in this force?